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Q. Did you remember anything about a parcel of \$280,000 of those bonds being subject to controversy between you and these associates? A. About the time this suit began I had understood that there was some amount appropriated by the state for the purchase of the mortgages which were not here should be paid to me; my knowledge on that point is indefinite; I suppose I learned such to be the case; I commenced a suit to enforce the payment of the bonds, and it was finally adjusted between us, what became of the bonds I do not know; it is well to say in this connection that those debtors, not here were finally paid by myself and others, I think, for the sum of \$280,000, or thereabouts, million, not that special amount of \$280,000, which I contended those bonds ought to be applied to; I know John T. Howard, who was a resident of California; I have no acquaintance with him now, but he was connected with Republic Bank, our relations were quite intimate and confidential; I heard that he left for Europe some weeks ago.

Cross-examined by Mr. Field.—The best offer got in from the mortgagees was the one which was accepted by a branch of a house in San Francisco, as I have stated, viz. half of the estate as a bonus, a loan of \$700,000, etc., to be returned with interest, and the other half to go to the group of trustees, and the balance that was subsequent to the perfection of the title; I saw the Rothschilds; Billings may have received better offers, but that was the last one that I saw; I saw the Rothschilds; Philadelphia was converted \$700,000 of the indentures into 20 years

Q. "Gladstone, Messrs. Ogby, D. D. Field and Ketchum a schedule of my debts. Is that so? A. A schedule of that kind was given to me by Mr. D. D. Field, but not in connection with the negotiations—was it not? A. Yes. And by another by Mr. Stevens, at the time of the offer—in the first conversation; it was necessary to make them acquainted with it; not a schedule of my private debts, but the debts of the estate; they were not required to pay my private debts.

Q. The \$20,000 bonds you had indicated would, were they not applied to the payment of the debts of the estate, be yours? A. Yes, I understood it; the accounts of the Company show that they have been.

Re Direct.—Are you able to say that during the period of time these negotiations were going on, and no conversation was had with Mr. Field or Mr. Ogby, or any of those disinterested parties, No. 1, cannot say that; but I can say very distinctly, that no conversation of that character took place.

Q. And your debts were brought in connection with the subject of political purposes? A. No, I can say so distinctly, for the reason that I myself intended to avoid, and did avoid, any such conversation as that, there being no occasion for it, and I did not have any conversation between when they meet together, political and military,—but "nothing personal." I intended to avoid such conversations, and did; I did not intend to have any conversation with them, and I do not think should suppose that, for that reason, I would attempt to obtain their friendship in any other way.

to the room to the door, when the wife was on the claim was then passed, after a discussion of it. It was not referred to the Fire Committee, or any other. A. No, sir. It was passed, I think, the second night after the investigation; one gentleman proposed that they should pass a claim, and I think that was the first time that the word "claim" was used. The result would be a 50 per cent reduction; I think the suggestion of \$199,700 was made by the Controller.

Q. Were there any other claims for guns before the Committee? A. Yes, sir; for example, the examination of other claims were most thorough and extended, in my mind; Mr. Hunt had the supervision of those cases; two witnesses were examined to reduce the amount; Mr. Hunt was present, and Mr. Taylor, Mr. Smith, and one represented by Major Taylor. There was a most thorough investigation of those cases, and witnesses examined on both sides; I was present on several were investigated.

Q. Was there any connection with Mr. O'Dwyer relation to this matter. A. Not in relation to the claim; I had a relation to the contract for manufacturing guns; it was before the firm Mr. O'Dwyer was connected with, and I was to receive a share of the profit, which he was to advance certain money, and I got an impression that he was to receive a per centage of the profits—I think 10 per cent.

Q. Was there any connection with the case before the Committee of the destruction of a gun factory, that I was one of the other cases of guns, were of parties who

At 11 o'clock, the ringing of Trinity Church bells, will in the following programme:

Singing the changes on eight bells.
Christmas Carol.
Solo with variations, composed by Dr. Hodges.
Unitarian Church.
Christmas Carol—Bright, Bright, in Silver Light.
Christmas Carol—The Christmas Tree.
Organ Hymn.

THE FAMILY AID FUND—BOXES NO. II.
The controller on Wednesday opened bids at his office for \$5,000, \$4,000, \$3,000, \$2,000, \$1,000, \$500, \$250, \$100, \$50, \$25, \$10, \$5, \$2, \$1, and 50 cents. The following are the names of the bidders and their bids:

Source	\$1,000, paid
.....	3,000, paid
.....	2,000, 100
Livingston	2,000, paid
.....	100,000, paid

The above bids were accepted by the Controller.

THE IRON WEST-STE.—The ship-chandlery of J. C. Clough & Foster, on the first floor of No. 125 West-st., was yesterday damaged by fire to the amount of \$10,000. The second and third floors were not injured. The second and third floors were owned by Edmund R. Kirk, sailmaker; damage by about \$500.

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